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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mitsuo NAKAMURA, et al.

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	AP 8 20772	01/23/1996	JP (with English abstract)		NO
	AQ 6 70195	09/30/1994	JP		NO
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	AS 2001 185358	07/06/2001	JP (with English abstract)		NO
	AT 2002 173676	06/21/2002	JP (with English abstract)		NO
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO-AT have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References [REDACTED] have been cited in the corresponding [REDACTED] Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) Reference AU is discussed in the specification. A copy of this references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) Reference AA is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of this references is being submitted herewith.